

**Table 4.14-- UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASES:
1996 TO 1998**

[Years ended September 30]

Subject	1996	1997	1998
Civil cases:			
Commenced (filings)	1,117	1,840	1,075
Terminated	1,073	1,297	1,108
Pending, end of period 1/	967	1,517	1,484
Criminal cases:			
Commenced (filings)	1,146	1,292	718
Terminated	915	1,032	723
Pending, end of period 2/	635	971	966
Bankruptcy:			
Commenced (filings), total	2,758	4,161	5,522
Business	(NA)	189	127
Nonbusiness	(NA)	3,972	5,395
Terminated	2,294	3,602	4,716
Pending, end of period	1,800	2,359	3,165

NA Not available.

1/ Excludes asbestos cases transferred to the Pennsylvania Eastern District Court under Order 875 of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

2/ Includes some cases in which all defendants have been fugitives since before April 1, 1996.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Judicial Business of the United States Courts 1997 and 1998* at <http://www.uscourts.gov/publications.html>.